



CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Richfield, Minnesota

Regular Council Meeting Virtual Meeting held via WebEx

April 27, 2021

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Mayor Maria Regan Gonzalez at 7:00 p.m. via WebEx.

Council Members Present: Maria Regan Gonzalez, Mayor; Ben Whalen; Mary Supple; and Sean Hayford Oleary

Staff Present: Katie Rodriguez, City Manager; Pam Dmytrenko, Assistant City Manager; Mary Tietjen, City Attorney; John Stark, Community Development Director; Julie Urban, Housing Manager; Ryan Krzos, Planner; Jane Skov, IT Manager; Blanca Martinez Gavina, Executive Analyst; and Kelly Wynn, Senior Office Assistant

Others Present: Brian Bochman, Principal with Enclave Companies; Neil Reardon, ESG Architects

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Regan Gonzalez led the Pledge of Allegiance

Moment of silence to recognize the passing of William Green.

Council Member Supple expressed condolences to his family and thanked them for sharing him with the city. She spoke of how people would light up when they would speak of him.

Council Member Trautmann spoke of what an incredible man Bill Green was and the unbelievable legacy of a life well lived. He spoke of how grateful he was to know him and have Bill be a part of his life.

Mayor Regan Gonzalez spoke of his deep connections and roots within Richfield. She stated how Bill was a model of leadership as he was incredibly authentic and connected his identity on so many levels. She also offered heartfelt condolences to the family.

City Manager Rodriguez spoke of the extraordinary man Bill was from the first moment of meeting him. His faith in comm-unity is a tribute that will continue to guide the city.

Nannette Green, wife of Bill, thanked everyone for their thoughts and kind words.

Executive Analyst Martinez Gavina expressed deepest condolences to the family as Bill was a long time mentor of hers beginning in college. She spoke of personal stories where Bill had influenced her and she looks forward to keeping his legacy alive.

OPEN FORUM

Senior Office Assistant Wynn reviewed the options to participate:

- Participate live by calling 612-861-0651 during the open forum portion
- Call prior to meeting 612-861-9711
- Email prior to meeting kwynn@richfielmn.gov

Jonathan Watters, 6245 2nd Ave S, spoke of his concern of the increase in firearm sales in the area with no requirement to gain education on the use of them. He inquired about zoning regulations and code restrictions in his area and spoke of conversations he has had with staff.

Senior Office Assistant Wynn stated there were no other callers.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

M/Whalen, S/Supple to approve the minutes of the (1) City Council Work Session of April 13, 2021; and (2) City Council Meeting of April 13, 2021.

Executive Analyst Martinez Gavina took roll call vote:

- Regan Gonzalez: AYE
- Supple: AYE
- Trautmann: AYE
- Hayford Oleary: AYE
- Whalen: AYE

Motion carried 5-0

Item #1	APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA
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M/ Hayford Oleary, S/Trautmann to approve the agenda

Executive Analyst Martinez Gavina took roll call vote:

- Regan Gonzalez: AYE
- Supple: AYE
- Trautmann: AYE
- Hayford Oleary: AYE
- Whalen: AYE

Motion carried 5-0

Item #2	CONSENT CALENDAR
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City Manager Rodriguez presented the consent calendar.

A. Consider the approval of the Amendment to the Small Wireless Facility Collocation Supplemental Agreement with New Cingular Wireless PCS, LLC, d/b/a AT&T Mobility, that set forth the terms and conditions of collocation on wireless support structures within City right-of-way. Staff Report No. 60

B. Consider the approval of the first amendment to the Nine Mile Creek Regional Trail Cooperative Agreement with Three Rivers Park District for trail extension construction as part of the 77th Street Underpass project. Staff Report No. 61

C. Consider the Approval of the 77th Street Underpass Final Design Layout, Project Plans and Specifications and Authorize Project Bidding. Staff Report No. 62

M/Supple, S/Whalen to approve the consent calendar.

Council Member Trautmann highlighted the underpass project item and thanked everyone involved for all their work.

Executive Analyst Martinez Gavina took roll call vote:

- Regan Gonzalez: AYE
- Supple: AYE
- Trautmann: AYE
- Hayford Oleary: AYE
- Whalen: AYE

Motion carried 5-0

Item #3	CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS, IF ANY, REMOVED FROM CONSENT CALENDAR
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None

Item #4	SECOND READING TO CONSIDER A PROPOSED ORDINANCE AMENDMENT TO MODIFY RULES RELATED TO HOME OCCUPATIONS, AND SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF SAID ORDINANCE. STAFF REPORT NO. 63
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Council Member Trautmann read staff report 63.

M/ Trautmann, S/Hayford Oleary to (1) approve the attached ordinance amending rules related to home occupations; and (2) approve a resolution authorizing summary publication of the attached ordinance amending rules related to home occupations.

RESOLUTION NO. 11843

**RESOLUTION APPROVING SUMMARY PUBLICATION
OF AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE RICHFIELD ZONING CODE
REGULATIONS RELATED TO HOME OCCUPATION RULES**

Executive Analyst Martinez Gavina took roll call vote:

Regan Gonzalez: AYE
Supple: AYE
Trautmann: AYE
Hayford Oleary: AYE
Whalen: AYE

Motion carried 5-0

Item #5	<p>CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE REZONING PROPERTY AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LYNDALE AVENUE AND 65TH STREET TO PLANNED MIXED USE (PMU) AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION FOR A VARIETY OF LAND USE APPROVALS FOR A MIXED USE PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT. STAFF REPORT NO. 64</p>
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Council Member Whalen presented staff report 64.

Assistant Director Poehlman reminded everyone staff has been working with the developer for a long time.

M/Whalen, S/ Hayford Oleary to adopt an ordinance amending Appendix I of the Richfield City Code to change the zoning designation of property at the northeast corner of Lyndale Avenue and 65th Street from General Commercial (C-2) to Planned Mixed Use (PMU).

Executive Analyst Martinez Gavina took roll call vote:

Regan Gonzalez: AYE
Supple: AYE
Trautmann: ABSTAIN
Hayford Oleary: AYE
Whalen: AYE

Motion carried 4-0-1

RESOLUTION NO. 11844

**RESOLUTION APPROVING A FINAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN
AND CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT FOR A PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT
AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LYNDALE AVENUE AND 65TH STREET**

M/Whalen, S/ Supple to adopt a resolution approving the Planned Unit Development, Conditional Use Permit, and Final Development Plan for Lynk65.

RESOLUTION NO. 11845

**RESOLUTION APPROVING SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF AN ORDINANCE
VACATING A PORTION OF PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY AND UTILITY
EASEMENTS OVER PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE NORTHEAST
CORNER OF LYNDALE AVENUE AND 65TH STREET**

Council Member Hayford Oleary moved to amend the resolutions to set a minimum of 10 usable feet for the trail.

Council Member Whalen expressed excitement to have a full width trail and asked for comments regarding its feasibility.

Director Stark stated the original language had left the decision to the discretion of the City Engineer to obtain the maximum amount of space. It is doable and has always been in consideration.

Assistant Director Poehlman added the intent was to always meet the standard.

Brain Bochman thanked city staff in navigating the challenges with this site. He spoke of the current tenants relocating within Richfield or in a neighboring city.

Neil Reardon confirmed the 10 foot width is not a problem to the project.

Council Member Hayford Oleary gave an overview of the plans and wanted assurance the minimum will be met.

Council Members Whalen and Supple confirmed their approval of the amendment.

Executive Analyst Martinez Gavina took roll call vote:

Regan Gonzalez: AYE
Supple: AYE
Trautmann: ABSTAIN
Hayford Oleary: AYE
Whalen: AYE

Motion carried 4-0-1

Item #6	<p>CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDER: (1) THE SECOND READING OF A TRANSITORY ORDINANCE VACATING A PORTION OF THE LYNDALE AVENUE RIGHT-OF-WAY AND UTILITY EASEMENTS; (2) A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF SAID ORDINANCE; AND (3) A RESOLUTION APPROVING A PRELIMINARY PLAT FOR PROPERTY LOCATED AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF LYNDALE AVENUE AND 65TH STREET. STAFF REPORT NO. 65</p>
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Council Member Hayford Oleary read staff report 65.

Assistant Director Poehlman addressed a question from the first reading regarding vacating a portion of the right-of-way and it is policy that stairs and steps be located behind the right-of-way to allow for snow removal and safety.

Council Member Hayford Oleary opened the public hearing.

Senior Office Assistant Wynn reviewed the options to participate:

- Participate live by calling 612-861-0651 during the public hearing portion
- Call prior to meeting 612-861-9711
- Email prior to meeting kwynn@richfielmn.gov

Senior Office Assistant Wynn stated there were no callers.

M/Hayford Oleary, S/Whalen to close the public hearing.

Executive Analyst Martinez Gavina took roll call vote:

Regan Gonzalez: AYE
 Supple: AYE
 Trautmann: AYE
 Hayford Oleary: AYE
 Whalen: AYE

Motion carried 5-0

M/Hayford Oleary, S/ Whalen to approve a second reading of the transitory ordinance vacating Lyndale Avenue right-of way and utility easements over property located at the northeast corner of Lyndale Avenue and 65th Street.

Executive Analyst Martinez Gavina took roll call vote:

Regan Gonzalez: AYE
 Supple: AYE
 Trautmann: AYE
 Hayford Oleary: AYE
 Whalen: AYE

Motion carried 5-0

M/Hayford Oleary, S/ Supple to approve a resolution authorizing summary publication of said transitory ordinance.

RESOLUTION NO. 11846

RESOLUTION GRANTING PRELIMINARY APPROVAL OF A PLAT FOR LYNDALE OAKS SECOND ADDITION

Executive Analyst Martinez Gavina took roll call vote:

- Regan Gonzalez: AYE
- Supple: AYE
- Trautmann: AYE
- Hayford Oleary: AYE
- Whalen: AYE

Motion carried 5-0

Item #7	CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING AND CONSIDER APPROVAL OF A SECOND READING OF AN ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTION 500 OF THE CITY CODE AND ADOPTING A NEW SECTION 500 RELATED TO PLATS AND SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS AND A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF SAID ORDINANCE. STAFF REPORT NO. 66
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Council Member Supple read staff report 66.

Assistant Director Poehlman mentioned the work staff has done is extensive and staff is available for questions.

Council Member Supple opened the public hearing.

Senior Office Assistant Wynn reviewed the options to participate:

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- Email prior to meeting kwynn@richfielmn.gov

Senior Office Assistant Wynn stated there were no callers.

M/Supple, S/Hayford Oleary to close the public hearing.

Executive Analyst Martinez Gavina took roll call vote:

- Regan Gonzalez: AYE
- Supple: AYE
- Trautmann: AYE
- Hayford Oleary: AYE
- Whalen: AYE

Motion carried 5-0

M/Supple, S/Whalen to (1) approve a second reading of an ordinance repealing Section 500 of the City Code and adopting a new Section 500 related to Plats and Subdivision Regulations; and (2) approve a resolution authorizing summary publication of said ordinance.

RESOLUTION NO. 11847

**RESOLUTION APPROVING SUMMARY PUBLICATION
OF AN ORDINANCE REPEALING SECTION 500 OF THE RICHFIELD CITY CODE
AND ADOPTING A NEW SECTION 500
RELATED TO PLATS AND SUBDIVISION REGULATIONS**

Council Member Supple thanked staff and policy makers as there was much discussion.

Mayor Regan Gonzalez thanked staff for their leadership on this project.

Executive Analyst Martinez Gavina took roll call vote:

- Regan Gonzalez: AYE
- Supple: AYE
- Trautmann: AYE
- Hayford Oleary: AYE
- Whalen: AYE

Motion carried 5-0

Item #8	CONSIDER THE APPROVAL OF A RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT FOR THE COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING (CPF) GRANT APPLICATION IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000,000 FOR "PROJECT 1" OF THE I-494: US 169 TO MSP AIRPORT VISION. STAFF REPORT NO. 59
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Council Member Hayford Oleary read staff report 59.

M/Hayford Oleary, S/Trautmann to approve the resolution of support for the Community Project Funding (CPF) grant application in the amount of \$50,000,000 for "Project 1" of the I-494: US 169 to MSP Airport vision.

RESOLUTION NO. 11848

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE COMMUNITYPROJECT FUNDING (CPF)
GRANT APPLICATION FOR PROJECT 1 OF THE I494: AIRPORT
TO HIGHWAY 169 VISION**

Council Member Whalen fully supports this project as it benefits so many.

Council Member Trautmann thanked US Representative Omar for assisting in getting the project approved.

Council Member Hayford Oleary stated the project is uniquely well justified and looks forward to supporting it.

Council Member Supple spoke of a study that was done and how beneficial this project will be every county in the area.

Executive Analyst Martinez Gavina took roll call vote:

- Regan Gonzalez: AYE
- Supple: AYE
- Trautmann: AYE
- Hayford Oleary: AYE
- Whalen: AYE

Motion carried 5-0

Item #9	CONSIDER THE ADOPTION OF A RESOLUTION APPROVING REVISIONS TO THE INCLUSIONARY AFFORDABLE HOUSING POLICY. STAFF REPORT NO. 68
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Council Member Supple read staff report 68.

Director Stark spoke of how many of the changes made for this policy have been made by policy makers which lead to the recommendations.

M/Supple, S/ Hayford Oleary to adopt a resolution approving revisions to the Inclusionary Affordable Housing Policy.

RESOLUTION NO. 11849

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ADOPTION OF AMENDMENTS TO THE INCLUSIONARY AFFORDABLE HOUSING POLICY

Council Member Supple thanked everyone involved as with the pandemic, community feedback was more difficult. She is very pleased to require more affordability.

Council Member Whalen stated he is pleased with the result of this project and thanked the housing team and RDAP for comments they contributed. He expressed excitement to see 10% of units at 30% AMI and appreciates the city is working to get these needs met. He spoke of how Richfield is leading in accessibility requirements.

Director Stark added they are cautiously setting it at 30% AMI and will be tracking the progress with the developers.

Council Member Hayford Oleary expressed appreciation for staff asking developers to make this happen.

Mayor Regan Gonzalez expressed gratitude for the evolvement of the Inclusionary Housing Policies and providing support.

Council Member Trautmann recognized the expertise and research performed by staff along with the prosperity and growing of the community to ensure a place people can afford to live.

Executive Analyst Martinez Gavina took roll call vote:

- Regan Gonzalez: AYE
- Supple: AYE
- Trautmann: AYE
- Hayford Oleary: AYE
- Whalen: AYE

Motion carried 5-0

Item #10	CITY MANAGER REPORT
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City Manager Rodriguez supplied updated from previous open forum comments. She then presented a brief Covid update and asked residents to remain vigilante with mask usage.

Council Member Whalen asked about comments regarding the mobile vaccination unit.

Mayor Regan Gonzalez spoke of the mobile unit in Season’s Park for the week and how successful it has been in the first two days.

City Manager Rodriguez thanked Mayor Regan Gonzalez for the opportunity to have staff out to the event at Season’s Park.

Item #11	CLAIMS AND PAYROLL
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M/Trautmann, S/Whalen that the following claims and payrolls be approved:

U.S. Bank	04/27/2021
A/P Checks 296204 - 296584	\$ 1,443,999.36
Payroll: 161307 – 161598 43395 – 43397	<u>725,098.94</u>
TOTAL	\$ 2,169,098.30

Executive Analyst Martinez Gavina took roll call vote:

- Regan Gonzalez: AYE
- Supple: AYE
- Trautmann: AYE
- Hayford Oleary: AYE
- Whalen: AYE

Motion carried 5-0

Item #12	HATS OFF TO HOMETOWN HITS
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Council Member Supple thanked the Richfield Fire Department for their ongoing service. She then congratulated Mayor Regan Gonzalez for her acceptance of the YWCA Women of Power Award as it is a very prestigious award. She then thanked Executive Analyst Martinez Gavina and everyone involved for assisting resident in filling out their census.

Council Member Whalen echoed comments of gratitude for Executive Analyst Martinez Gavina regarding her census work as well as everyone involved in the mobile vaccination unit.

Council Member Trautmann thanked Executive Analyst Martinez Gavina and Neil Ruhland for their extensive work regarding the census. He also thanked the Recreation Department for all they do and is looking forward to their summer activities.

Council Member Hayford Oleary shared a personal experience about a discussion with a resident regarding her duplex and the importance of having them as an option for housing.

Mayor Regan Gonzalez shared some personal experiences regarding being a part of the mobile vaccination unit and what a rewarding experience it was. She also thanked Executive Analyst Martinez Gavina and Neil Ruhland for their work and support during the census.


Item #13	ADJOURNMENT
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The meeting was adjourned by unanimous consent at 8:59 p.m.


Date Approved: May 11, 2021



 Kelly Wynn
 Senior Office Assistant



 Maria Regan Gonzalez
 Mayor



 Katie Rodriguez
 City Manager